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(54) Title: METHOD OF USE

(57) Abstract: A method for treatment of sleeping disturbance to obtain improvement of sleeping, wherein a therapeutically effective dose of esomeprazole or an alkaline salt thereof is administered to a patient suffering therefrom. The method is applicable for instance in patients suffering from gastroesophageal diseases (GERD).

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